

Tidy Towns 1997

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ROCHESTOWN**
County : **CORK**
Category : **D**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	29
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	24
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	186	182

Rochestown, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The four year plan which your Association has now produced for Rochestown Urban Village will prove very beneficial in the implementation of your Tidy Towns activities for the future. It will enable your Association and the Community in general to approach their activities in a more co-ordinated manner. Also having such a plan will assist greatly in your discussions with the County Council in relation to future development for the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The modern church building is well maintained in very attractive surroundings. Filling stations in the village are well maintained. The licensed premises and nearby shop are well presented again this year. In fact the standard of buildings generally throughout the village is quite good.

LANDSCAPING

A good balance in relation to the type of trees and shrubs, which have been planted, has been achieved. It is important that in any planting programme provision be made to include species which will provide long-term effect. The landscaping which has been carried out in the grounds adjoining the Catholic Church is of an excellent standard. The planting which has been carried out near the junction for Coach Hill is maturing well. The flower beds in the village grass area are excellently maintained and provide great colour. At the Underwood junction the little project developed there in the past is being very well maintained, the grass is neatly trimmed and the planting is carefully attended to.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The acquisition of the wetland will prove to be a major step in the development of and the general enhancement of wildlife in the area. Also because of the nature and extent of this project your Association was quite right to seek professional advice. The success of the project depend on how it will be developed and especially the management of it in the future. The fact that the Pond development is sited in such close proximity to the public walkway is most advantageous for the local community and for visitors to the village.

LITTER CONTROL

The litter situation throughout the village seems to be well under control. It is stated that in your four year plan the question of litter is included; this is important as it continues to maintain awareness in the minds of the community .

TIDINESS

There was generally a good level of tidiness throughout the village but the Clarkes Hill area was most disappointing. There was very high grass and weed growth along here and it had obviously not been attended to. It was heartening to see areas like the public walk-way very tidily maintained. The areas in the vicinity of Bus Shelters were also quite tidy as were the areas adjoining all business premises.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There is a large range of residential areas throughout the village. One common theme throughout the various parks and estates is the excellent standard to which all of these residential areas are maintained. Areas such as Maryborough Estate, Newenham Drive, Brookfield, Selford Drive etc. are just some examples of the standard throughout.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach to the village from Cork was very well maintained; grass verges were well trimmed and kerbs etc. were well maintained. Other roads leading to the village could be better maintained; the Passage West road was reasonably well presented. The road to the Garryduff Centre could also be better maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your Association has now a clear outline of what you intend to do in relation to Tidy Towns activities over the next four years. The community has an excellent foundation on which to build and implement this plan. In planning to work in co-operation with the Local Authority progress will be possible.